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Prior to 21 April 1953, ^{about two-thirds of} the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was occupied to about two thirds. At about 6 p.m. on 6 April, 5 trucks each towing a 25-mm AA gun and each occupied by 12 to 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 1 truck with trailer occupied by 10 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying briquettes were seen leaving the installation toward Manschnow. The soldiers carried full field pack. Beginning 6 April, 10 to 15 soldiers were daily seen engaged in the construction of double-apron fences. In some places, fruit trees were cut, apparently because they hindered the view. Similar barbed-wire obstacles were being erected between the Oder River bridges. Troops observed daily received instruction on 6 x 25-mm AA guns.

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Comment. After the departure of medium AAA units of the 32d AAA Div (US) to Wustrow in late March, the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne apparently did not change.

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